



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
October 20, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Health did not have quorum of members on 10-20-2022. The items below were discussed but no formal action was taken.

Members Present: Alana Aronin, Adam Lustig, Brent Berger, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Elliot Brown, Jess Kronstadt, Jonathan Arias, Kenda Harris, Marcela Campoli

Members Absent: Dr. James Bridgers, Cara Grant, Susan Emery, Essie McGuire, Desiree de la Torre

County Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson (on behalf of Essie McGuire)

DHHS Staff: Felicia Hугee, Robyn Simmons, Meghan Sontag

Guests: Mark Hodge, Dr. Patricia Kapunan, Nat Thomson, Vechele Saint Dic

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS /RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Meeting call to Order, Overview of Public Health/MCDHHS School Health Services – <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair; Mark Hodge, Senior Administrator, School Health Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crystal spoke with COH staff regarding the request for Public Health Officer (or designee) presence at meetings and, in the absence of availability, provide written comments to the Commissioners Jonathan and Crystal requested Gabe Albornoz, County Council's President and Chair of the Health and Human Services committee, be invited to participate at an upcoming COH meeting based on his availability. He has expressed interest in meeting with the Commissioners. Jonathan spoke to Councilmember Albornoz about COH's support of DHHS's request to hire a data analyst Robyn noted two opportunities to present priorities to County Council and the Health and Human Services Committee (October 27th Council HHS Committee meeting and November 1st Council as Board of Health meeting) The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The COH Chair welcomed members, staff and guests Mark Hodge, Senior Administrator for School Health Services, provided an overview of MCDHHS School Health Services. Mark presented as part of the Commissioners request to meet with the Senior Administrators to better understand needs and opportunities to support. Mark and Dr. Kapunan shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Health Services, a program of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, works in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to provide services to assure the health, safety and well-being of all students enrolled in MCPS schools 	<p>Follow-up with Dr. Rogers regarding the request for Public Health Officer, or designee, to provide written comments if unable to attend COH meetings- <i>COH Staff (complete)</i></p> <p>Invite County Council President Gabe Albornoz to an upcoming COH meeting- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Share upcoming BCC meeting with Council HHS Committee and upcoming Council as Board of Health meeting with Commissioners- <i>COH Staff (complete)</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Described roles/responsibilities of School nurses and health techs ○ Noted School Health Services documents in the same database, called Synergy, used by teachers & administrators. ○ School Based Health and Wellness (SBHW) Centers- currently have 9 Elementary School Wellness Centers and 6 High School Wellness Centers. All students enrolled at the school are eligible to receive care at the wellness center. DHHS provides staffing for mental health services and social services at all SBHW sites. ○ County Executive and County Council are very interested in putting a wellness center in every high school in the County (currently 25 HS, 2 more are being built). Currently a Bridges to Wellness Program in all high schools (includes positive youth development, mental health, and case management services). This is a precursor to full wellness centers. ○ Continue to do symptomatic testing for COVID in the health rooms. The numbers have been consistently low from a symptomatic testing standpoint. ○ The number of students with diabetes continues to increase every year as does the complexity of treatment. Three nurses comprise the diabetes team, great resource of knowledge for all nurses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal thanked Mark, Dr. Kapunan and any other members from MCPS for their time. Opened the floor up for questions. Robyn noted Dr. Kapunan, MCPS Medical Officer, will be joining the Commission on Health to replace Cara Grant as the Ex-officio MCPS member, appointment is pending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark shared biggest need is for applicants for nurse and health room tech positions- new grads with a BSN are welcome to apply, no experience required • Questions from Commissioners on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Flu Clinics</u>: School Health is not participating in any school-based flu clinics this year due to staffing shortages, historically low turnout/participation and availability of flu vaccines in grocery stores and pharmacies. School Health has been involved in providing COVID vaccines and required immunizations for school- have over 99% school immunization rate for required immunizations ○ <u>Violence</u>: Main effort is in the restorative justice curriculum and looking at how we are teaching and supporting students and parents. In restorative justice the focus is not punitive but instead asks the questions- what are the needs, what are the supports? Respond with care, concern, and services. Social-Emotional Learning and Conflict Resolution skills delivered at every grade level. If this is an area the Commission is interested in learning more about, the Restorative Justice Team can present more information. This work is run by Office of Student Services and Well-Being. ○ <u>Mental and Social Health</u>: Elementary Schools have Linkages to Learning program, High Schools have Bridges to Wellness Programs (care manager, mental health therapist and youth development specialist) to assist with mental health and positive youth development. MCPS also has social workers in every high school. Students have access to the Montgomery County Crisis Center for those in acute crisis. Any advocacy for increased and enhanced mental health services is always going to be welcome- great areas of need include advocacy for additional mental health services for middle and elementary school level and support for parents around mental health and community violence 	<p>Continue to follow the appointment process for Dr. Kapunan- <i>COH Staff</i></p> <p>Start the appointment process for Tara Clemmons to replace Essie- <i>COH Staff to follow-up with Essie and Tara</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Reproductive Health and Vaping/Marijuana</u>: Edibles are in the High Schools right now and as access to drugs increases there are ongoing discussions regarding ways to address this issue. Condoms are provided in High Schools and when the new Health Officer arrives School Health Services would like to discuss expanding this to middle schools to provide as a safety measure. SBHWC's are also looking to expand reproductive services either by providing birth control or referrals to community clinics. Harder to provide some of these services during the school day but looking into offering these services in the evening at the wellness centers and opening it up to the community. Last February had an anti-vaping campaign district-wide, discussing how to recharge and expand that. Ongoing conversations to build on existing work and increase independence and knowledge of students in these areas. 	
<p>Approval of Minutes and Annual Report– <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair</i></p> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Elliott Brown to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Alana Aronin. The minutes were unanimously approved</p> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Jonathan Arias to approve the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Brent Berger. The report was unanimously approved</p>	
<p>BCC Liaison Assignments and Updates – <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair, Meghan Sontag, Staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that all Commissioners are asked to be a liaison to another Board, Commission or Committee (BCC). Reviewed list of BCCs in the County, previous liaison roles and current liaison roles within COH. Current liaison information is also in the Annual Report. • Consider COH priorities when choosing liaison role to ensure alignment • Commissioners can request liaisons from other BCC's to attend COH meetings 	<p>Follow-up with Commissioner Elliott Brown on his interest in being a liaison to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – <i>COH Staff (complete)</i></p> <p>Add BCC Liaison Updates to future agenda- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>Workgroup Assignments and Updates – <i>Robyn Simmons, Staff</i></p> <p>The three FY23 priorities are Public Health Administration, Environmental Health and Education and Access to Care. After reviewing the workgroup assignments, commissioners present joined one of these break out groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Care: Brent Berger, Alana Aronin • Public Health Administration: Elliott Brown, Jess Kronstadt, Marcela Campoli, Jonathan Arias • Environmental Health and Education: Tara Clemmons, Adam Lustig <p>Crystal is a liaison to two BCCs and will abstain from participating in a workgroup but participated in Access to Care this meeting. Susan Emery is on Environmental Health and Desiree de la Torre is on Access to Care workgroup</p>	<p>Commissioner Adam Lustig would like to join the Public Health Administration workgroup moving forward, staff to make note.</p>
<p>Announcements – <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair; Meghan Sontag, Staff</i></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal will be presenting to the County Council on October 27th and November 1st to share COH priorities • Meghan reminded Commissioners of the required training: Maryland Open Meetings Act. (Parliamentary Procedure Training NOT required) • Robyn shared this is her last meeting as interim staff and will no longer be attending - Meghan is the new staff person. Felicia will continue to attend the upcoming COH meetings as available. • Brent shared in the chat: the County Medical Society presented the Webster Sewell, MD Access to Care Award at our meeting on Tuesday to RotaCare. Dr. Sewell's own story of service to the County's residents, regardless of their ability to pay, is inspiring on its own, but that's for another time.https://www.montgomerymedicine.org/accesstocareaward-2022/ 	<p>Staff will follow up on request for current org. chart from the Health Officer's EAA and provide it to the to the COH Chair.</p> <p>Staff to re-send FY23 priorities with information about upcoming Council meetings. <i>(complete)</i></p> <p>Staff to follow-up with Commissioners regarding the Open Meeting Act training <i>(complete)</i></p>
<p>Adjournment</p> <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Jonathan Arias to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Adam Lustig. Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:53.</p>	